The Classical Arabic and an example of a Contemporary Arabic teaching

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The basics of both are covered in the NAK's Fundamental program, about 20% each of the actual.

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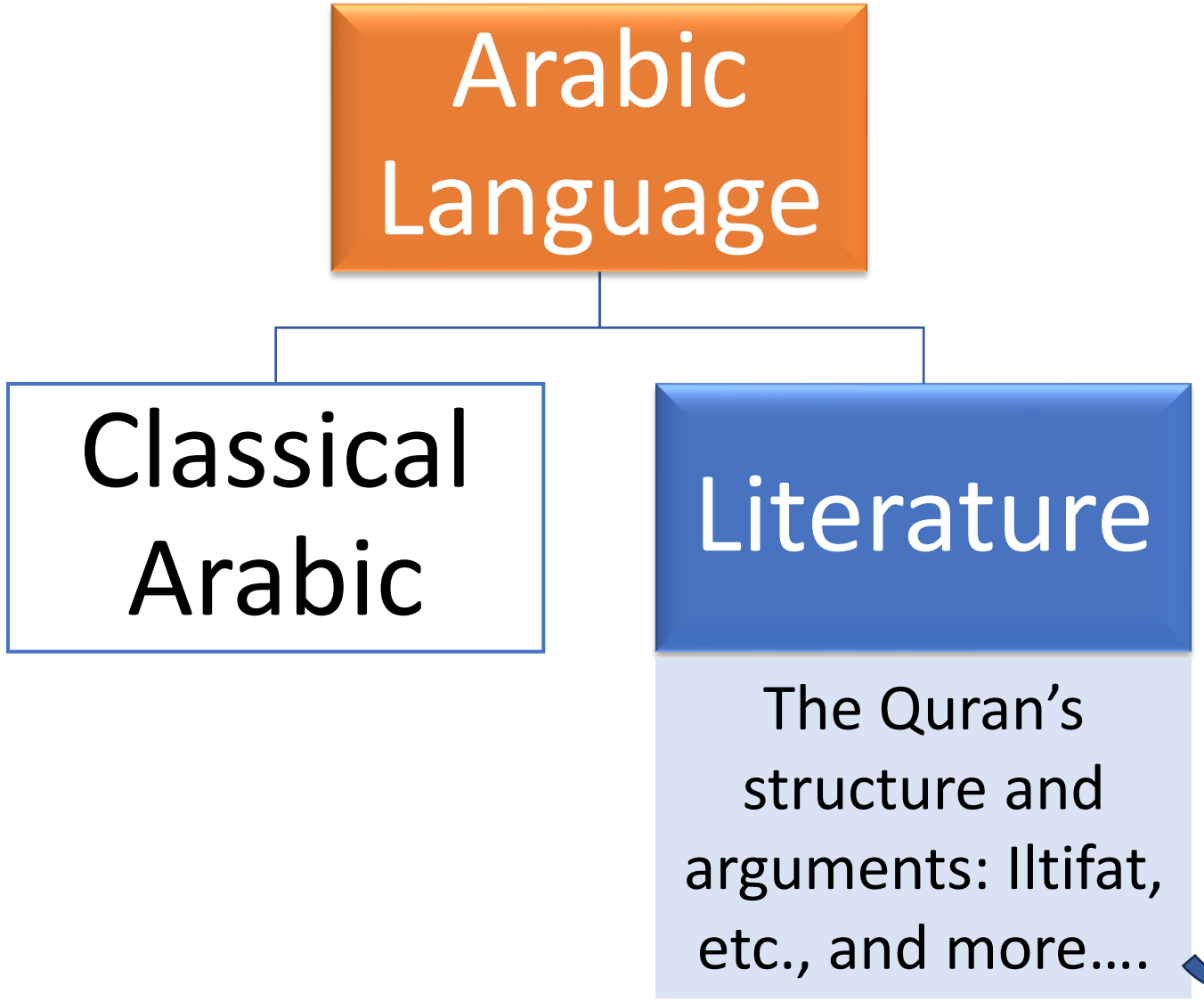
The Arabic Language & its Literature



- poetry,
- prose (narrative, fiction, adab),
- drama,
- epic literature, and biography; its history and periods, from classical to modern; the Qur'an as a sacred text; literary theory and criticism; the Qur'an's impact,
- influence of Western literature,
- themes like love, memory, violence,
- globalization

The Three Types of Arabic Today

3 kinds of Arabic;

Our focus

1-Street Arabic (the different dialects of Arabic based on places, etc.)

- Different neighbourhoods/places/countries/dialects of spoken Arabic.

2-Formal Arabic [Fus-Ha (فُصْحى)] (Proper Arabic, Standard Arabic, Modern Standard Arabic)

- Proper Arabic as spoken today; Newspaper/News.
- A person can speak and write well in today's Arabic.
- A subset of the Ancient Arabic

3-Classical Arabic (the language of ancient Arabs, lughatul Arabia, the language of the Quran before Islam)

The Quranic Arabic
لسان العرب

(These two items have something in common that will be studied later.)

The relationship between the Ancient and Fus-Ha Arabic.

Language of the Ancient Arabs

Fus-Ha

(فُصْحى)

Formal /Proper Arabic
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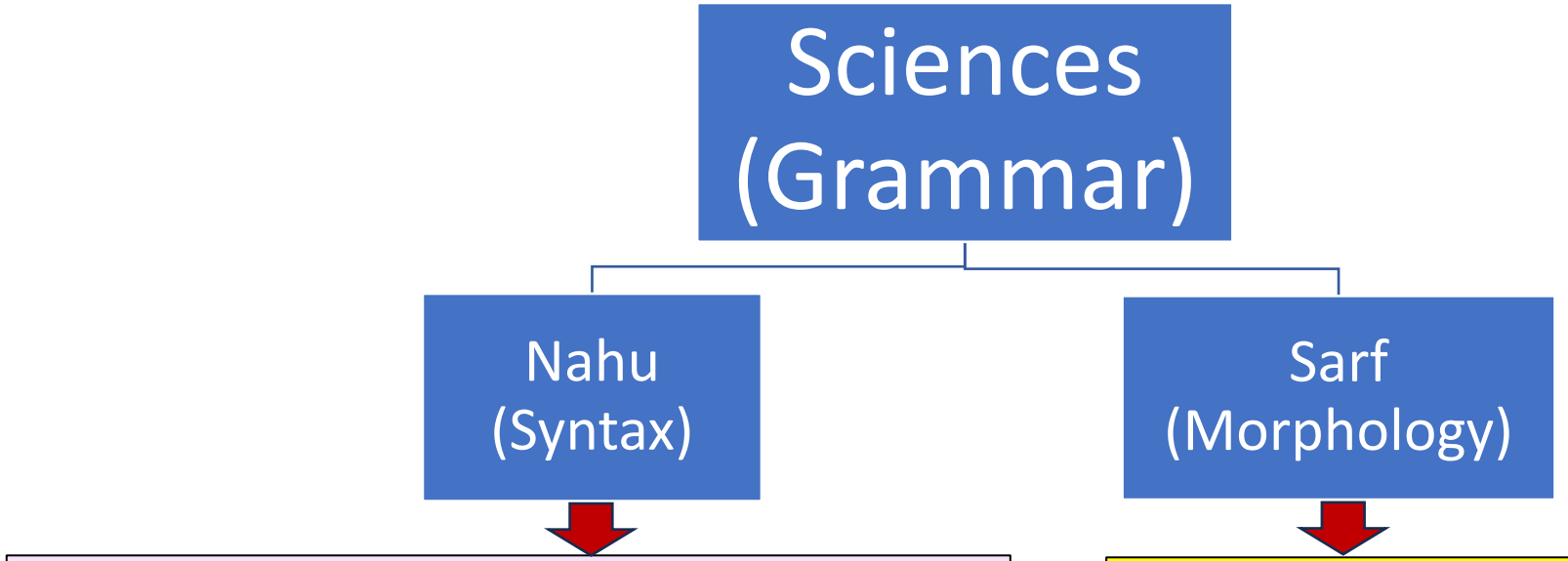
In contemporary Arabic teaching, there are two main areas of focus: Sciences (Grammar) and Arts.

The differences between Nahu & Sarf of the Arabic Sciences



Nahu (النحو);
how the word affects other words.

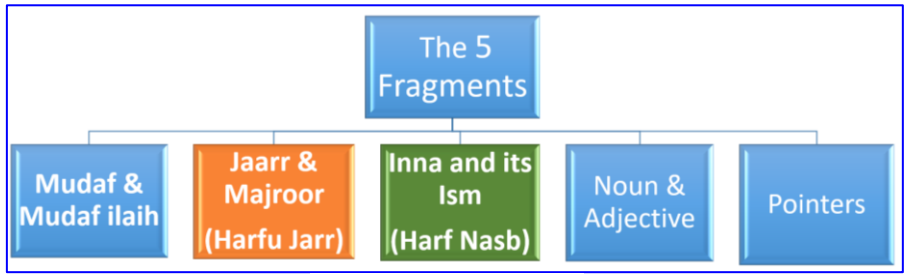
Sarf (الصرف);
- you pretend other words don't exist.
- It focuses on one word and how the word is spelt.
- how the changes in word spelling change the meaning of the word.
- morphing a word (membentuk perkataan)

Examples of Nahu and Sarf

Sciences

Nahu (Syntax)

Examples



The status of the end word is affected by the word that comes before it.

1: رَسُوْلُ اللهِ

Mudaf ilaih — Mudaf

3. JARR — 2. LIGHT — 1. NO AL

2: أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا

Ismu Inna (Nasb) — Harfu Nasb

Sarf (Morphology)

Examples

In the example, we can obtain 4 distinct words with different meanings from a single word with a specific pattern أَفْعَلَ of vowelisation.

4		3	2	1
مُسْلِمٌ	فهو	إِسلامًا	يُسْلِمُ	أَسْلَمَ
Ism		Ism	F'il - Present Tense	F'il- Past Tense
(A surrenderer/ Muslim)		(An idea; to surrender)	(He will/ surrender(s) to Islam)	(He surrendered to Islam)

A reminder that motivates us to be istiqamah…in learning Arabic

Sebaik-baik kamu ialah orang yang
belajar Al-Quran dan mengajarkannya
kepada orang lain

[Riwayat al-Bukhari (5027)]

End of Slides

TASBIH KIFARAH

Ucapan doa pada akhir majlis:

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ

اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لاَ اِلَهَ اِلاَّ اَنْتَ

اَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَاَتُوْبُ اِلَيْكَ

Maha Suci Engkau, ya Allah, dan dengan memuji Mu,
aku bersaksi bahawa tiada Tuhan yang berhak disembah melainkan Engkau,
aku meminta ampun dan bertaubat kepada Mu

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ
وَٱلْعَصْرِ ① إِنَّ ٱلْإِنسَٰنَ لَفِى خُسْرٍ ② إِلَّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟
وَعَمِلُوا۟ ٱلصَّٰلِحَٰتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلصَّبْرِ ③
In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate,Most Merciful.
1. By the ˹passage of˺ time!
2. Surely humanity is in ˹grave˺ loss,
3. except those who have faith, do good,
and urge each other to the truth,
and urge each other to perseverance.